GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

AEW – Farm Mechanisation – Formation of SLEAC-EC Committee Members for monitoring and implementation of schemes - Constitution of State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) and District Level Executive Committee (DLEC) - Orders - Issued.

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technology for primary processing, value addition, low cost scientific storage/transport and the crop by-product management through demonstrations, capacity building of farmers and end users. Provides financial assistance for establishing PHT units.

3. **Financial Assistance for Procurement of Agriculture Machinery and Equipment:** Promotes ownership of various agricultural machinery & equipments as per norms of assistance.

4. **Establish Farm Machinery Banks for Custom Hiring**: Provides suitable financial assistance to establish Farm Machinery Banks for Custom Hiring for appropriate locations and crops.

5. **Establish Hi-Tech, High Productive Equipment Hub for Custom Hiring**: Provides financial assistance to set up hi-tech machinery hubs for high value crops like sugarcane, cotton etc.

6. **Promotion of Farm Mechanization in Selected Villages**: Provides financial assistance to promote appropriate technologies and to set up Farm Machinery Banks in identified villages in low mechanised states.

7. **Financial Assistance for Promotion of Mechanized Operations/hectare Carried out Through Custom Hiring Centres**: Provides financial assistance on per hectare basis to the beneficiaries hiring machinery/equipments from custom hiring centres in low mechanized areas.

3. He has also informed that the Farm Mechanization programmes are also being implemented through other missions/schemes such as RKVY, MIDH, NMOOP & NFSM, which would continue to be implemented subject to these guidelines.

4. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur has, therefore, requested to issue orders for constitution of State level Executive Committee (SLEC) and District Level Executive Committee (DLEC) along with their duties and responsibilities to be performed in order to implement the mission effectively.

5. Accordingly, Government after careful examination, hereby accept the proposal of the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur and constitute the State level Executive Committee (SLEC) and District Level Executive Committee (DLEC) along with their duties and responsibilities to be performed in order to implement the mission effectively, as detailed below:

(A) State Level

The State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) will comprise of the following:

Agricultural Production Commissioner/ Principal Secretary - Chairman
Commissioner& Director of Agriculture - Member Secretary
Director (Horticulture) - Co-Member Secretary
Representatives of SAUs/ICAR/Other line Departments Experts - Members

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Duties Responsibilities:

The Committee's main function will be

- to vet the Annual Action Plan prepared by the State nodal department for implementation of the Submission for Agriculture Mechanization.

- to oversee the implementation of mission Components of the respective States through regular meetings with the nodal and other line department. It will also provide inputs to the Executive Committee for appropriate policy formulation.

Technical Support: Department of Agriculture (DoA) shall be the Nodal Department at the State level for implementation of this Mission.

Duties & Responsibilities of DoA

DoA will provide necessary support to SLEC and will have the following functions:

i. Prepare Mission Implementation Plan (MIP) for entire plan period for achieving the farm power availability to 2 kW/ha, primarily focusing on increasing farm mechanization with location specific advantages and easier adaptability for improved production and productivity.

ii. List districts as per the farm power availability as per formula at Annexure-III. Select the districts under AAP as per objective criteria

iii. Prepare indicative list of machines & equipment which should not be eligible for subsidy under the Mission. While preparing the negative list, State should consider various aspects including fact whether an equipment/machinery can be run commercially without subsidy.

iv. Utilize, to the extent possible, services of Subject Matter Specialist (Agricultural Engineering) available with State Government, KVKs, SAUs and ICAR institutes functioning in the State in the mission programmes.

v. Prepare annual State Level Action Plan in consonance with Mission's goals and objectives as per the format at Annexure-VII taking into account tentative outlay of State as communicated by DAC at the beginning of Financial Year (March- April).

vi. 16% of the total allocation for SCP and 8% for TSP will be earmarked. The allocation to SC/ST farmers will be made proportionate to their population in the district. 30% of allocation will be earmarked to the woman beneficiary. Utilize at least 50% of the allocation for small and marginal farmers.

vii. 10% of the AAP allocation would be earmarked as flexi-fund to meet the following objective:

a) To provide flexibility to States to meet local needs and requirement within the overall objective of SMAM;

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b) To pilot innovations and improved efficiency within the overall objective of the Scheme and its expected outcomes;

c) To undertake mitigation/restoration activities in case of natural calamities in the farm mechanization sector.

viii. Enlist manufacturers/suppliers who have tested their products either from FMTTIs or any identified institute by DAC and fix the cost of agricultural machinery and equipment on the basis of quality inspection and field performance evaluation for supply under various components of SMAM

ix. Ensure suitable integration of AAP with other schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) etc.

x. Compile District wise Action plan into State Action Plan and submit to the State level committee for approval and thereafter forward the same to EC.

xi. Receive funds from DAC for implementing organizations and oversee, monitor & review implementation of the programmes

xii. Organize workshops, seminars and training programmes for all interest groups/associations at State level.

xiii. Operationalize Information Communication Technology (ICT) enabled management system upto grassroots level

xiv. Conduct independent evaluation to assess the performance of the Mission in their States.

xv. 1% of total allocation to the State may be earmarked for administrative and other contingent expenses. Expenditure in excess of 1% will be met by the States from their own resources.

(B) District Level

The District Level Executive Committee (DLEC) will comprise of the following:

Collector	-	Chairman
Dy. Director /Executive Engineer (Agricultural Engineering)	-	Member Secretary
Agriculture Engineer /Horticulture Officer	-	Co-Member Secretary
Representatives of line Departments, SAUs/ICAR, nominated progressive farmers, representatives from SHG, Project Director ATMA, representatives from lead Banks/NABARD Experts	-	Members

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DLEC will be responsible for carrying forward the objectives of the Mission for project formulation, implementation and monitoring.

Technical Support: The office of JDA shall be the District Nodal Agency with following Duties Responsibilities:

(1) Identify the areas of low ratio of farm power availability /areas with large number of small and marginal holdings for implementation of farm mechanization components.

(2) Identify beneficiaries (Farmers, Self Help Groups (SHGs), User Groups, Cooperative Societies, Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) and Entrepreneurs) to avail the benefits of SMAM in transparent and time bound manner. Identify entrepreneurs/SHGs to establish custom hiring centres.

(3) Tie up with the Banks for credit requirements of the beneficiaries

(4) Ensure that the benefits under various schemes of DAC such as RKVY, MIDH, NMOOP, NFSM etc. are not extended repeatedly to the same beneficiary.

(5) Prepare district AAP with physical and financial targets under each component.

(6) Utilize online application software for the entire process of identification and selection of beneficiary, processing of applications and disbursement of financial assistance to the beneficiary after ensuring the proof of procurement of equipment/inputs as per provisions and norms.

(7) Receive funds from State Nodal Department for implementing the programmes.

(8) Make efforts for direct transfer of financial assistance to the farmers/beneficiary on the basis of ADHAR No. wherever infrastructure is functional in the district.

(9) Monitor & display details of approved programme, all activities undertaken and name of beneficiaries, expenditure incurred etc. at the Panchayat Bhavan/prominent public place in the cluster/village level and get it placed before the concerned Gram Sabha annually from the point of social audit.

(10) Study the impact on production and productivity after the implementation of the programmes and forward the reports to the State nodal Department.

ICAR institutes /SAUs and KVKs functioning in the district will provide technical support in formulation of the district action plan, its implementation and monitoring. The technical staff will be sourced from these organizations for imparting training to the farmers and extension personnel.

6. The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture,
A.P., Guntur.
All the Collectors & District Magistrates in the State.
The Commissioner of Horticulture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Sericulture, A.P., Guntur.
All the Members of Committees through
the Special Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
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